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(ii) to state whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to place them before the public at an earlier date?

A.—(i) (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is appended. Reports for 1928-29 are due only after the close of March 1929.

(ii) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1841.

Depressed Classes

Grant of lands and scholarships to depressed classes during 1926, 1927 *and* 1928.

* 1861 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of scholarships and the total amount of the said scholarships awarded by the Labour Department (1) to students of the Hindu depressed classes community, (2) of Indian Christian community and (3) of caste Hindus respectively during 1926, 1927 and 1928 in the Presidency; and

(*b*) the acres of land assigned either for dwelling or for cultivation to (1) Indian Christians, (2) Hindu depressed classes and (3) caste Hindus respectively through the Labour Department during 1926, 1927 and 1928 in the Presidency?

A.—(*a*) The annual administration reports of the Labour Department which are placed on the Editors' Table give information regarding the various scholarships awarded by the Labour Department. These are not intended for caste Hindus. Detailed particulars on the lines asked for are not available.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Government Press

Reversion of Vedantachari, Reader, Government Press.

* 1862 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Vedantachari, Reader, Government Press, was reduced from higher to lower grade in the month of April 1928; if so, why; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that no charge was framed, that no explanation was called for and that no enquiry was held before the reduction was ordered; if so, why?

A.—(*a*) P. Vedantachari was promoted with effect from 1st November 1926 to a post of Reader on Rs. 60—4—100 on *probation.* As he was found unfit to be confirmed in the post on Rs. 60—4—100, his probation was terminated and he was reverted to his original post towards the end of April 1928;

(*b*) Yes; the procedure described is unnecessary, when an officer is found unfit for a post to which he has been appointed on probation.

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Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether this Vedantachari, a poor Brahman, who has put in 22 years' service in the Government Press, was denied promotion? May I know whether he sent a memorial to the Government? Knowing that he had sent a memorial to the Government, did the Government Press authorities give him a higher temporary shift? Did they bring him down again out of vengeance for having sent a memorial to the Government?"

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member is furnishing very good information."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I want to know whether the Government are aware of these facts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am not aware of them."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know the reasons which induced the Press authorities to consider that this man was unfit?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" He was fined twice for careless reading of proofs, for altering a figure in a land acquisition notification and warned thrice for bad work, careless reading of gazette proofs and short outturn. All these facts have been recorded in his conduct register."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether this man was a member of the Press Employees' Union?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I ask whether these remarks were communicated to the man and explanation demanded from him before he was reduced?"

The hon. the President :—" It has been answered that these remarks had been recorded in his conduct register."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Not communicated to him?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" He knows them."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I ask whether a resolution was passed in this Council for the appointment of a committee to go into irregularities in the Government Press and what action have the Government taken on the resolution or are going to take on it?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I have on a previous occasion answered that question; the Government took no action."

Motor Vehicles Act

Motor vehicles traffic in the whole Presidency.

* 1863 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of motor cars in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1928;